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The Story of Jesus Christ—Fact or Fiction?

PART ONE

Is the story of Jesus Christ fact or fiction? I am going to leave the answer to that question to my readers.

I personally settled it in my own mind, and settled it honestly, after a most painstaking and careful examination of all the evidence obtainable on the subject. Born and raised in a ministerial home, surrounded by apostolic christianity, trained in a Baptist Bible School, I certainly had many opportunities to glean and to study the evidence, if such evidence exists, in favor of the story being a fact.

Now, I want to be sure of my ground, like a judge sitting in one of your Superior Courts here in the State of Idaho will listen to both sides of the evidence, I did the same thing and let me repeat, I, personally am convinced that the entire story of Jesus Christ is nothing more nor less than an ancient pagan myth, stolen from ancient pagan religions and adapted to the times as they existed two thousand years ago.

I am not asking you to accept my findings. You can do with them as you will. I can not but be impressed, however, with the fact that no matter where I speak, nor where I go, nor what I write, wherever my story is told, I find followers and friends by the thousand. That, to me, is evidence that the result of my researches is true.

Nothing is farther from my mind than to try to displace anyone's faith in the existence of God, and later on I shall, perhaps, show you another side of my philosophy. I can not offer you a sane, logical and upward scientific religious teaching until I have first displaced the false religious teaching based upon this story of Jesus Christ.

If I plant a lawn on a weedy piece of ground, I shall first dig up the weeds that the lawn and flowers may grow. Before I can plant in your minds the seeds of Spiritual Law as it exists, I

must first show you the evidence that your belief is not sound, if it be a fact that it is not sound.

One reason, more than any other reason, which convinced me, years ago, that there was no actual physical truth in the story of Jesus Christ, was the fact that all history ignores him.

The fact that no history, sacred or profane—that not one of the three hundred histories of that age—makes the slightest allusion to Christ, or any of the miraculous incidents ingrafted into his life, certainly proves, with a cogency that no logic can overthrow, no sophistry can contradict, and no honest skepticism can resist, that there never was such a miraculously endowed being as his many orthodox disciples claim him to have been. The fact that Christ finds no place in the history of the era in which he lived—that not one event of his life is recorded by anybody but his own interested and prejudiced biographers—settles the conclusion, beyond cavil or criticism, that the godlike achievements ascribed to him are naught but fable or fiction. It not only proves he was not miraculously endowed, but proves he was not even naturally endowed to such an extraordinary degree as to make him an object of general attention. It would be a historical anomaly without a precedent, that Christ should have performed any of the extraordinary acts attributed to him in the Gospels, and no Roman or Grecian historian, and neither Philo or Josephus, both writing in that age, and both living almost on the spot where they are said to have been witnessed, and both recording minutely all the religious events of that age and country, make the slightest mention of one of them, nor their reputed authors. Such a historical fact banishes the last shadow of faith in their reality.

It is true a few lines are found in one of Josephus's large works alluding to Christ. But it is so manifestly a forg-

ery, that we believe all modern critics of any note, even of the orthodox school, reject it as a base interpolation. Even Dr. Lardner, one of the ablest defenders of the Christian faith that ever wielded a pen in its support, and who has written ten large volumes to bolster it up, assigns nine cogent reasons (which I would insert here if I had time) for the conclusion that Josephus could not have penned those few lines found in his "Jewish Antiquities" referring to Christ. No Jew could possibly use such language. It would be a glaring absurdity to suppose a leading Jew would call Jesus "The Christ," when the whole Jewish nation has ever contested the claim with the sternest logic, and fought it to the bitter end. "It ought, therefore," (says Dr. Lardner, for the nine reasons which he assigns) "to be forever discarded from any place among the evidences of Christianity."

If all history ignores this man, and it does, then it leaves us without any authentic historical story whatsoever, of his existence. More than that, it effectively proves that the many miraculous happenings attributed to that day and age of the so-called Christian era, never happened.

For instance, there was not one resurrection alone on that fabled Easter Morn so long ago. There were many, for we are told by sacred and divinely inspired writers that many saints of the resurrection of Jesus Christ came bodily out of the tomb, mingling around with the citizens of Jerusalem.

Matthew, that divine fabricator, informs us that when Christ was crucified, there was darkness all over the land for three hours. He tells us "the earth did quake and the rocks were rent and many of the saints came out of their graves."

Here we have a series of events spoken of so strange, so unusual and so extraordinary that, had they occurred, they must have attracted the attention of the whole world—especially the amazing scene of the sun's withdrawing thereby causing an almost total darkening his light and ceasing to shine, and nesc near the middle of the day. And

yet no writer of that age or country, or any other age or country, mentions the circumstance but Matthew. A phenomenon so terrible and so serious in its effects as literally to unhinge the planets and partially disorganize the universe must have excited the alarm and amazement of the whole world, and caused a serious disturbance in the affairs of nations. And yet strange, superlatively strange, not one of the numerous historians of that age makes the slightest allusion to such an astounding event.

Even Seneca and the elder Pliny, who so particularly and minutely chronicle the events of those times, are as silent as the grave relative to this greatest event in the history of the world. Nor do Mark, Luke or John, who all furnish us with a history of the crucifixion, make the slightest hint at any of these wonder-exciting events, except Mark's incidental allusion to the darkness.

Gibbon says, "It happened during the life of Seneca and the elder Pliny, who must have experienced its immediate effects, or received the earliest intelligence of the prodigy. Each of these philosophers, in a labored work, has recorded all the phenomena of Nature's earthquakes, meteors and eclipses, which his indefatigable curiosity could collect. Both the one and the other have omitted to mention the greatest phenomenon, to which the mortal eye has been witness since the creation of the world."

To me, the silence of all history is positive, definite and absolute proof that these wonderful things did not happen.

If one dead man were to rise from the grave today in the city of Moscow, if he were to clamber out of a coffin through six feet of earth and walk up Main Street and if this happening could be proven by undisputable facts, I am saying to you that the pages of history would be full of it. But history renders its verdict in silence.

We now come to the last but certainly not least, question to be answered: which is, what do we really know of the man Jesus of Nazareth? How much

of the Gospel narratives can we rely upon as fact?

Jesus of Nazareth is so enveloped in the mists of the past, and his history so obscured by legend, that it may be compared to footprints in the sand. We know some one has been there, but as to what manner of man he may have been, we certainly know little as fact. The Gospels, the only records we have of him, have been proven, over and over again, unhistorical and legendary; to state anything as positive about the man is nothing more nor less than assumption; we can therefore conjecture only. Liberal writers philosophize and wax eloquent to little purpose, when, after demolishing the historical accuracy of the New Testament, then end their task by eulogizing the man Jesus, claiming for him the highest praise, **and asserting** that he was the best and grandest of our race, but this manner of reasoning, undoubtedly consoling to many, facts do not warrant. We may consistently revere his name and place it in the long list of the great and noble, the reformers and religious teachers of the past, all of whom have done their part in bringing about the freedom we now enjoy, but to go beyond this, is, to our thinking, unwarranted.

You have a right, if you so choose, to believe what you want to believe and worship whatever you choose to worship. You may believe that the moon is made of green cheese if you choose to, and you may believe it with all your heart. The evidence of science, however, disproves your belief, no matter how fervently you do believe it. You may worship Jack the Giant Killer as a God if you want to and you may worship Jack with all your heart and soul. You may fervently believe that Jack the Giant Killer was the only begotten son of God coming down from heaven to save the world from sin. History, legend and common sense disprove your theory, no matter how earnestly you believe it.

PART TWO

I often make the statement that if the story of Jesus Christ were an original story, there might be some grounds

for belief in it. But when we find that every fundamental of this story existed in pagan religions thousands of years before Christ was ever heard of, we wonder.

There is no criterion by which I can see or judge that the resurrected Gods and divinely born saviors of antiquity were false, while the latest resurrected God and divinely inspired savior is true. Now if there were but one prior God in existence, fundamentally the same as our present man-God, the argument that the older God may be an antitype of the real God might be valid. But with at least a score of miraculously born saviors, most of whom were born on the 25th of December, most of whom descended into Hell, most of whom were crucified and most of whom arose from the dead, I am compelled to place them all in the same category. I see no reason for choosing one from the many, tacking divinity on to him and classifying the rest as false. This is doubly true when more human beings today believe in the divinity of another God that ever believed in the divinity of our Christian God.

Let us look at a few of these Gods who had miraculous births, and I might add here that immaculate conceptions and celestial descents were so currently received among the ancients, that whoever had greatly distinguished himself in the affairs of men was thought to be of supernatural lineage. Gods descended from heaven and were made incarnate in men, and men ascended from earth and took their seat among the gods, so that these incarnations and apotheoses were fast filling Olympus with divinities.

In our inquiries on this subject, we shall turn first to Asia where, as the learned Thomas Maurice remarks in his *Indian Antiquities*, "in every age, and in almost every region of the Asiatic world, there seems uniformly to have flourished an immemorial tradition that one god had, from all eternity, begotten another God."

In India there have been several saviors or incarnations of Vishnu, the great creator of the Universe, the most

important of which is Chrishna the Savior.

I told you two weeks ago what happened when this God, who was man, rose from the dead. Now Chrishna was born of a virgin called Devaki, who on account of her purity, was selected to become the mother of God. Let me state here in passing, that I am in possession of absolute and positive historical proof of every statement I make here or elsewhere. In other words, I know what I am talking about and can prove the statements I make. This is the reason I consistently refuse to argue or debate with anyone on apostolic christianity. I am not debating with it, I am exposing it.

The next in importance among the God-begotten and virgin-born saviors of India, is Buddha, who was born of the Virgin Maya or Mary. He in mercy left Paradise, and came down to earth because he was filled with compassion for the sins and miseries of mankind. He sought to lead them into better paths, and took their sufferings upon himself, that he might expiate their crimes, and mitigate the punishment they must otherwise inevitably undergo. The resemblance between this legend and the doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary the mother of Jesus, can not but be remarked.

The incarnation of Gautama Buddha is recorded to have been brought about by the descent of the divine power called the "Holy Ghost" upon the Virgin Maya. This Holy Ghost, or Spirit, descended in the form of a white elephant. The Tikas explain this as indicating power and wisdom.

The Siamese had a virgin-born God and Savior whom they called Codom. His mother, a beautiful young virgin, being inspired from heaven, quitted the society of men and wandered into the most unfrequented parts of a great forest, there to await the coming of a god which had long been announced to mankind. While she was one day prostrate in prayer, she was impregnated by the sunbeams. She thereupon retired to the borders of a lake, between Siam and Combodia, where she was delivered of a "heavenly boy," which she placed within

the folds of a lotus, that opened to receive him. When the boy grew up, he became a prodigy of wisdom, performed miracles, etc.

The first Europeans who visited Cape Coromin, the most southerly extremity of the peninsula of Hindostan, were surprised to find the inhabitants worshipping a Lord and Savior whom they called Salivahana. They related that his father's name was Taishaca, but that he was a divine child born of a virgin, in fact, an incarnation of the Supreme Vishnu.

Lao-kiun, sometimes called Lao-tsze, who is said to have been born in the third year of the emperor Tingwang, of the Chow dynasty (604 B. C.) was another miraculously-born man. He acquired great reputation for sanctity, and marvelous stories were told of his birth. It was said that he had existed from all eternity; that he had descended on earth and was born of a virgin, black in complexion, described "marvelous and beautiful as jasper." Splendid temples were erected to him, and he was worshipped as a god. His disciples were called "Heavenly Teachers." They inculcated great tenderness toward animals, and considered strict celibacy necessary for the attainment of perfect holiness. Lao-kiun believed in one God whom he called Tao, and the sect which he formed is called Tao-tse, or "Sect of Reason."

Even the sober Confucius (born B. C. 501) was of supernatural origin. The most important event in Chinese literary and ethical history is the birth of Kung-foo-tsze (Confucius), both in its effect on the moral organization of this great empire, and the study of Chinese philosophy in Europe.

His disciples, who were to expound his precepts, were seventy-two in number, twelve of whom were his ordinary companions, the depositories of his thoughts, and the witnesses of all his actions. To them, he minutely explained his doctrines, and charged them with their propagation after his death. Yan-Hwuy was his favorite disciple, who, in his opinion, had attained the highest degree of moral perfection. Confucius addressed him in terms of great affection,

which denoted that he relied mainly upon him for the accomplishment of his work.

If from China we should turn to Egypt, we would find that, for ages before the time of Jesus of Nazareth, the meditating deity, born of a virgin, and without a worldly father, was a portion of the Egyptian belief.

Horus, who had the epithet of "Saviour," was born of the virgin Isis. "His birth was one of the greatest mysteries of the Egyptian religion. Pictures representing it appear on the walls of temples." He is "the second emanation of Amon, the son whom he begot." Egyptian monuments represent the infant Savior in the arms of his virgin mother, or sitting on her knee. An inscription on a monument, translated by Champollion, reads thus:

"O thou avenger, God, son of a God; O thou avenger, Horus, manifested by Osiris, engendered of the goddess Isis."

Menes who is said to have been the first king of Egypt, was believed to be a god.

In the life of Zoroaster, the law-giver of the Persians, the common mythos is apparent. He was born in innocence, of an immaculate conception, of a ray of the Divine Reason. As soon as he was born, the glory from his body enlightened the whole room. Plato informs us that Zoroaster was said to be "the Son of Oromasdes, which was the name of Persians gave to the Supreme God—therefore, he was the son of God.

From the East we will turn to the West, and shall find that many of the ancient heroes of Grecian and Roman mythology were regarded as of divine origin, were represented as men, possessed of god-like form, strength and courage.

Among these "sons of Jove" may be mentioned the following. Hercules was the son of Jupiter by a mortal mother, Alcmena, Queen of Thebes. Zeus, the god of gods, spake of Hercules, his son, and said: "This day shall a child be born of the race of Perseus, who shall be the mightiest of the sons of men."

Bacchus was the son of Jupiter and a mortal mother, Semele, daughter of Kadmus, King of Thebes. As Montfau-

can says, "It is the son of Jupiter and Semele which the poets celebrate and which the monuments represent."

Prometheus, whose name is derived from a Greek word signifying foresight and providence, was a deity who united the divine and human nature in one person, and was confessedly both man and god.

Perseus was the son of Jupiter by the virgin Danae, daughter of Acrisius, King of Argos. Divine honors were paid him, and a temple was erected to him in Athens.

Mercury was the son of Jupiter and a mortal mother Maia, daughter of Atlas. Cyllene, in Arcadia, is said to have been the scene of his birth and education, and a magnificent temple was erected to him there.

Aeolus, king of the Lipari Islands, near Sicily, was the son of Jupiter and a mortal mother, Acasta.

Apollo was the son of Jupiter and a mortal mother, Latona. Like Buddha and Lao-Kiun, Apollo, so the Ephesians said, was born under a tree, was delivered there. Then there was joy among the undying gods in Olympus, and the earth laughed beneath the smile of heaven.

Aethlius, who is said to have been one of the institutors of the Orphic games, was the son of Jupiter by a mortal mother, Protogenia.

Cyrus, King of Persia, was believed to have been of divine origin; he was called the "Christ," or the Anointed of God," and God's messenger.

Plato, born at Athens, 429 B. C., was believed to have been the son of God by a pure virgin, called Perictone.

Pythagoras, born about 570 B. C., had divine honors paid him. His mother is said to have become impregnated through a spectre, or Holy Ghost. His father—or foster-father—was also informed that his wife should bring forth a son, who should be a benefactor to mankind.

Aesculapius, the great performer of miracles, was supposed to be the son of a god and worldly mother, Coronis. The Messenians, who consulted the oracle at Delphi to know where Aesculapius was born, and of what parents.

were informed that a god was his father, Coronis his mother, and that their son was born at Epidarus.

For ages before the landing of Columbus on its shores, the inhabitants of ancient Mexico worshipped a "Savior"—as they called him (Quetzalcoatl)—who was born of a pure virgin. A messenger from heaven announced to his mother that she should bear a son without connection with man. Lord Kingsborough tells us that the annunciation of the virgin Sochiquetzal, mother of Quetzalcoatl, who was styled the "Queen of Heaven,"—was the subject of a Mexican hieroglyph.

I could give many more of these miraculously born individuals, but I have given you enough to show you that at least the idea of virgin births was prevalent in all nations long before the time of Christ.

It is interesting to note that in the ancient countries of China, India and Egypt, and in the legends of Jewish prophets, stars appeared at the birth of these ancient gods. As a matter of fact, the ancient belief in astronomy has more to do with the Bible than many suspect.

Songs of heavenly hosts also and wonderful demonstrations of light followed the birth of most of these gods. Shepherds, wise men from the East received many of these gods with divine honors and brought them gifts of frankincense and myrrh. By the way, the wise men came from the East—they were traveling West, but the star appeared in the East. Try to explain that.

PART THREE

Now let us look at the birth place of some of these gods. Matthew says that Jesus was born in a house. Luke says he was born in a stable. Other gospels, however, which the voting priests of ancient religion found not inspired, state that Jesus was born in a cave. Tertullian and Jerome and other fathers of the church also state that Jesus was born in a cave and that the heathen celebrated in their day, the birth and mysteries of their Lord and Savior Adonis in the very same cave.

Brother Matthew informs us that

Jesus was born in the days of Herod the king. Dr. Luke says he was born when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria, or later. This is a very awkward and unfortunate statement, as Cyrenius was not Governor of Syria until some ten years after the time of Herod. But to come back, most of the Chinese gods were born either under a tree or in a cave.

Now in regard to Buddha, we find the same myth. Buddha was born of the virgin Maya, ten months after her heavenly conception and was on a journey to visit her father when the birth of the Messiah took place under a tree. One account says that the birth occurred in an inn.

Here again you have the story of the birth of Jesus Christ told of other Gods long before his time.

It is most interesting also, to note the genealogy of Jesus Christ. We have two inspired writers attempting to give us this genealogy and although both stories may be inspired, both stories can not be true. As a matter of fact, there are only two names alike in both stories.

Luke gives us forty-one generations from David to Joseph. Matthew gives us fourteen. Matthew says that the son of David through whom Joseph descended was Solomon, but Luke says it was Nathan and so on and so forth.

With one exception, these genealogies contradict each other all the way through and in many instances, that of Chronicles also. This is a strange way, indeed, to prove Jesus Christ had two fathers, to be both the son of God and the son of David, and it is still stranger that they should trace his genealogy to Joseph if they did not consider him Joseph's son. Otherwise the genealogy of Sinbad the Sailor or Harry Hathaway would have been quite as apropos.

We find, however, this beautiful harmony and agreement throughout the words of the divinely inspired, Christians prate so much about. Such continual cross-firing and clashing of names reminds us of the Irishman's reply when asked of the number and names of his brothers. He said, "Well sir, I have fourteen brothers and they

are all named Bill but Bob and his name is Tom."

There is another remarkable fact that I want to mention here and give it to you for what it is worth. In the genealogy of Christ, our four women are named. Tamar, who seduced the father of her late husband. Rachel, a common prostitute, and Ruth, who instead of marrying one of her cousins, went to bed with another of them, and Bath Sheba, an adultress, who espoused David, the murderer of her first husband. What a pedigree for an incarnate God.

It is foolish to dwell upon the slaughter of innocents because with history silent on such an horrible affair, we can safely surmise that it never happened.

Now regarding the temptations and fasts of Jesus Christ, here you have the same story told of many other gods, prior to the time of Christ. Matthew tells us that after being baptised by John in the River Jordan, Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. This is a very peculiar yarn and was rejected by many of the early Christian fathers as being fabulous. I do not see how that could be done because we must accept the whole of the inspired autograph or reject the whole. The very foundations of the Christian faith, the very basis of our hopes, the very nearest and dearest of our consolations are taken from us when one line of that sacred volume on which we base everything is found to be untruthful and untrustworthy.

Perhaps the reason that Christ was taken out to be tempted by the devil was because Buddha and others had gone through the same experiences and it is more than likely that Jesus was taken out to show that he, too, was just as good a God as others which preceded him.

Buddha fasted for fortyseven days and nights without taking an atom of food. Zoroaster, the founder of the religion of Persia, was also tempted by the devil. Quetzalcoatl, the virgin-born Mexican Savior, was also tempted by the devil and fasted for forty days. Chrishna, the Hindoo Savior, went through a similar experience. We are

told that Moses fasted for forty days and forty nights and did not eat bread nor drink water. We know that this is not true, for no man can live for forty days without a glass of water.

Elijah also had a long fast of forty days and forty nights. St. Joachim, father of the ever-blessed virgin Mary, had a long fast also, which continued for forty days and forty nights. This number forty like the number seven was considered sacred, hence, we find that at the end of forty days, Noah sent out a raven from the Ark. Isaac and Esau were each forty years old when they married. Forty days were fulfilled for the embalming of Jacob. The spies were forty days in search of the land of Canaan. The Israelites wandered forty years in the wilderness. The land "had rest" forty years on three occasions. The land was delivered into the hand of the Philistines forty years. Eli judged Israel forty years. King David reigned forty years. Goliath presented himself forty days, and to go back to the old allegory of the deluge, rain was upon the earth forty days.

Now, I must hurry along and as I dealt with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ before, I will pass that out of the picture now with just a passing remark that at least there is equal evidence of the crucifixion of more than a score of other Saviors, all before the time of Christ and this does not tend to loan any belief to this last story.

We are told that Jesus descended into Hell and here again we find that the other saviors had all done so, and I presume the reason Jesus descended into Hell was that the rest of them had done so. Chrishna, the Hindoo Savior, descended into Hell for the purpose of raising the dead before he returned to his heavenly seat.

Zoroaster, of the Persians descended into hell.

Osiris, the Egyptian Savior, descended into hell.

Horus, the virgin-born Savior, descended into hell.

Adonis, the virgin-born Savior, descended into hell.

Bacchus, the virgin-born Savior, descended into hell.

Hercules, the virgin-born Savior, descended into hell.

Mercury, the Word and Messenger of God, descended into hell.

Baldur, the Scandinavian god, after being killed, descended into hell.

Quetzalcoatl, the Mexican crucified Savior, descended into hell.

All these gods, and many others that might be mentioned, remained in hell for the space of three days and three nights. "They descended into hell, and on the third day rose again."

PART FOUR

Now, what does all this mean? I think I have pretty well established by this time, the fact that the overwhelming mass of evidence seems to be that the story of Jesus Christ is not true and therefore is fiction.

I do not agree with priests and preachers who tell me that I should not tell men and women of these other crucified saviors. I believe men and women today want the Truth, even if that truth knocks down every prop that Protestantism or Catholicism has.

Here you have these organizations with millions of dollars worth of property, on which they pay no taxes, whatsoever, and the reason they pay no taxes is that it is presumed that the church is a divine institution, founded by God. But, if the church is nothing of the kind, then why should it not pay taxes on its property like you and I do?

Another thing, there are hundreds of thousands of preachers and priests taking your money, but not mine, to support their own denominations. In return for this money, they keep their churches going and Sunday after Sunday, give to those who want to listen to them, some interpretations of their ideas on some purported saying of the last of a score of crucified gods.

Now, if this story is not true, then this entire religious structure is based on untruth and therefore, has no right to exist in this United States of ours.

The fact that the preachers and priests and bishops may believe that their story is true does not alter the basic facts at all. As a matter of fact, they do not believe that it is true. A census recently taken in the East, dis-

closes the fact that 67 per cent of the preachers went on record that they did not believe in the existence of either heaven or hell, and this within the last ninety days. Now, if they do not believe in the existence of heaven or hell, neither do they believe any other part of the story.

I repeat once more that if the story of Jesus Christ is not true, the entire religious structure, as it exists today is an unhealthy structure and has no right in the land or nation whose citizens are looking for the Truth.

There is no religion higher than Truth, and if this present structure is not true, let's find it out. Truth never shrinks from investigation—only error does that and times are changing.

Half the church today denies the divinity of Jesus Christ, while the other half claims it to be a fact. Well, the half that denies it might just as well shut up shop or tell the world that they only exist as a social organization.

I have no quarrel with a belief in God, for my entire philosophy of life is built on that premise, but I have a wholesale fight against any belief which incorporates all of God in any one man to the exclusion of the rest of the human race.

All the laws God has are here for our understanding and use now and the story that any man was born of a virgin, rose from the dead, came down to save the entire race, is not true. It was hoary with age long before our Bible was ever written.

You ask me what should be the attitude of the Americans in the light of this evidence, and I say to you, leave the thing alone. It will fall by the weight of its own error. I see o'er the hilltops of time, the first faint beams of the morning. I feel pulsating through me, the first faint vibrations of Spiritual understanding. I sense the presence, not of a crucified Jewish reformer, but of a Universal God-Law. More than that, not alone I sense this, but all over the world, men and women sense the same thing. You know and I know, or at least we strongly suspect that this world would be better off with the Truth than it can ever be with pagan

superstition. Put the church on a sound financial basis, if possible, make it pay taxes for its property, allow every priest to marry and raise a family and live like any other white man should live, and the church as it exists today would very soon be forced out of business.

A belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead puts God so far away from us that by no possible means can we ever find or contact him. But eliminate these false, foolish fables and men and women will live alone, here and now, with whatever Spiritual Law there is.

Now, my last word is this. Keep

away from every representative of pagan superstition, whether it comes to in the name of the Baptist denomination or the Catholic denomination. Whether it comes to you as Presbyterian or Holy Roller, leave it alone for it can not exist without money and certainly those belonging to it do not think enough of it to keep it in a healthy financial condition.

Let's leave the fleshpots of pagan myths, lure, and allegory, and casting aside the weight which so easily besets us, shall we step out into the free, unadulterated sunshine of Universal God-Law, operating here and now for you and for me.

"If radio's slim fingers can pluck
A melody from night and toss it over
A continent or sea; If petaled white notes
Of a violin are blown across a
Mountain or a city's din; If songs
Like crimson roses are crulled from thin,
Blue air, why should mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?" —Quoted

PARADISE REGAINED

(Apologies to Milton)

May 15, 1934.

Dr. Frank B. Robinson,
Moscow, Idaho.

Dear Teacher:

Reporting, as promised, that after studying your Lesson Number Sixteen, I actually HAVE come into robust health, domestic and all-around happiness.

I am succeeding nicely in two lines of money-making business, whereas, I was ill, divorced and down and out as a business man thirty-two weeks ago when your First Lesson reached me.

On April 30, 1934, I remarried the divorced wife. Why? Well, you know why. Now we are supremely happy.

Thanks for revealing a LIVING GOD-LAW to me that DOES work, here and now.

Sincerely your student,

G., Arkansas.
C. H. W.,

Minister Denounces Christian Religion

On April 15th, 1934, there appeared in the Rochester Sunday American, the following article:

PASTOR, QUITTING, CALLS JESUS CHRIST MYTH

Historicity of Savior Denied by Hornell Man Who Hits Christianity.

Religion Bar to Human Progress, He Says; Sees Karl Marx as Right.

Hornell, April 14.—"I can not continue in the ministry because I don't believe a single thing which Christianity teaches.

"I do not believe there is a single atom of historical evidence that such a man as Jesus ever lived.

"I suppose you would say I am an atheist. I deny the existence of deity.

"Most of the clergy are either ignorant or hypocrites.

"The Communist party comes the closest of any political organization to standing for the scientific socialism which I believe is the only cure for our social and economic ills.

"The organized Christian church is an obstacle in the way of bettering social and economic conditions."

These were the principal shots in the parting barrage fired today by the "former" Rev. Clayton Van B. Wilkins, he refuses to be called "Rev." any longer, who this week resigned from the pulpit of the Universalist church here, and announced his withdrawal from the ministry. He left with his family for Syracuse today.

Assails Clergy

With deep conviction, and as calmly as though he were outlining self evident facts which would be accepted by almost anyone, the militant former pastor renounced all connection with christianity, branded many of the clergy as hiding their real thoughts to hold their jobs, delivered a withering fire at the capitalistic system, and urged soldiers drafted in the event of war to disrupt army discipline to prevent the formation of a fighting force.

"No religious leader has ever given America as valuable service as anti-christians have," he declared.

"It's a good thing we had some anti-Christian leaders in this country before and during the American revolution. Paine, Jefferson and Franklin gave the American revolution its power and they were all anti-Christian. Then there was the great Lincoln. He was anti-Christian, too, and an atheist.

"One serious trouble with religious leaders is that they twist cause and effect in their interpretation of history. The Protestant Reformation, for instance, was the result of social necessity, of change in economic conditions which caused a breakdown of the old social order and Protestantism resulted from this. That is political and social revolt also turned into religious revolt. Yet Protestant leaders say that Protestantism caused all these social and economic changes. They place the cart before the horse.

"Most religious systems began as symbolic expressions of the environment of the people. I am violently opposed to Christianity in particular because it is a stumbling block in the way of human progress."

Few Understand.

When asked what the reaction of the people of his church here had been to his ideas, he said that only half a dozen comprehended what he was driving at.

"My leaving was not because the rest of the people were violently opposed to my ideas," he insisted. "I quit because I came to the place where I realized that I couldn't give them what they expected.

"I can't continue in the ministry because I don't believe a single thing of Christianity. The liberals are just as bad as the conservatives as far as their ultimate effect on human life is concerned.

"There are from forty to fifty young Universalist clergymen whom I know

are atheists. But many of them surrender their intellectual integrity to hold their pulpits. At our Worcester convention last year many of our younger ministers planned to press for abolition of all creedal statements. Then just before the convention the editor of one of our powerful church papers sent out a notice that if any Humanists were discovered at the convention they would be snuffed out. So the Humanists were scared into silence.

"So far as the church and social conditions are concerned, the church is an obstacle to better human affairs. This is inevitable because the mind created by the church is a type prevented from working for social reconstruction. Karl Marx was absolutely right when he called religion an 'opiate'."

Reads Marx.

Asked if he had been reading Karl Marx, he replied:

"Yes, considerably."

What Wilkins thinks of the capitalist system is on a par with what he thinks of churches and clergymen. "Rotten," "hopeless" and "dying" were some of the descriptive words he used.

In the article in this current issue entitled "Bleeding Hearts," I tried to show the absolute absurdity and falsity of the story present-day churchism of all kinds would have us believe. I allude to a Methodist preacher who hurled his Bible across the church on Easter Sunday, stating that it was not the word of God.

This article reproduced above is quite significant and I sort of like the courage of the man who uttered the above statements. The significant thing, however, is that for every incident like the above, which makes the front page column of the newspaper, we find, upon investigation, that there are hundreds and thousands of preachers making similar statements, whose statements never see the light of day. Of course, the "orthodox" will say that these good souls are mistaken and have backslidden and all the rest of it and perhaps they will pray for them and so on and so forth. The fact remains, however, that ministers all over the world are recognizing the fact that the story

they have been teaching and preaching is a long way from being the truth. They are finding out that instead of them preaching Spiritual Truth, they have been preaching pagan superstition and some of them are brave enough and honest enough to risk the wrath of their religious organization and stand upon revealed truth as common sense and reason dictates it.

Now, what will happen is this: more and more ministers will follow their braver brethren and will come out and positively deny both the divinity of Jesus Christ and the truth of their creeds and dogmas. Then the church will read the handwriting on the wall and will change these creeds and dogmas to suit present-day demands, either that or it will die a natural death.

If we look back, we will find that the church has a habit, when its existence is threatened, of absorbing or falling in line with whatever new teaching arises and at the proper time, and when the pressure becomes great enough, the present-day church will totally discard the immaculate conception, the virgin birth, the atonement, the resurrection and all the rest of this heathen tommyrot. When it does that, it will cast about for a new anchor and if the leaders be wise, they will find it where they should have found it thousands of years ago.

If you take the samples of what the church offers today, you will find them very poor samples and that is the reason the average church isn't attracting more people than it is. I do not see how any church can expect to attract people when they place on exhibition the type of Christian that exists in those organization today.

Practically every church in existence is having a hard time financially and the preachers are unable to even pay their legitimate bills. If the churches were giving people something worth while, they would have no financial troubles whatsoever. My teaching is going all around the world and I charge money for it and have, as you know, an iron-clad money-back guarantee. Yet I am able to pay my bills and

certainly I am giving tens of thousands of people a philosophy of life which helps them, or I would have passed into oblivion a long time ago.

We are told that the great Christ was in a little house one day and they took the roof off the house and lowered into the room where he was, a sick man. Legend has it that the great Christ ordered the sick man to get out of his bed, walk and carry his bed with him. If the church doesn't change its philosophy and get on a more substantial basis, I am afraid present-day preachers will have to follow this same edict.

I am often told and show figures to prove that the church is having a very remarkable growth, but there is no growth in the present-day church except by certificate and that is usually at the expense of other churches. We find proselyting going on and one preacher is not at all adverse to sweeping members of another congregation.

Now, I think my readers know what the trouble with the church is. They have nothing Spiritual to offer, even though they do call the dogma they are preaching Christianity. A better name, however, would be churchianity. The present-day church is filled with office holders, deacons, elders, bishops, priests and all the rest of them, who have no experimental knowledge of religion. Of course, they hold a church membership, but what means that? We see these individuals, we live among them and we know their every day business lives, yet we fail to find any evidence, whatsoever, of any experimental experience with true religion. We hear more today about keeping the church running and its boards maintained than we do about preaching the gospel to all men.

If the carpenter of Galilee returned today, there isn't one church in ten thousand which would allow him to do anything. The congregation would not stand for it and if they crucified him 1,900 years ago, they probably would do the same thing today. So-called Christian pulpits are full of icicles and infidels, and that is not the worst part of it, the pews are full of them too.

This suggestion will not be welcomed,

but I make it earnestly and that is that the church have a little investigation and tear the wrapper off its religion and see what it really amounts to. If it will do that and if it will be honest, it won't take very long to admit that it presents nothing other than pagan superstition and heathen tradition. It calls itself Christianity because it presumes to follow Christ, but if it analyzed the Christian story and historically traced it, it would find itself exactly on a par with Buddhism, which followed Buddha and so on. It would find that it is but one of a score of systems of religion, each worshipping a man who is presumed to be the combination of God and man and who further was presumed to be the only real God. Now, with a score of organizations and crucified Gods in existence before this last one was ever heard of, how can the church produce any evidence that its story is original, while the rest of them are false.

This is doubly so when we remember that not a single manuscript covering the New Testament has ever been known to exist. Nobody knows who wrote the four gospels. A bunch of old church bishops, by vote decided which of a bunch of old manuscripts were divinely inspired and which were not. This which is divinely inspired of God was put in the hands of a bunch of old church fathers, most of whom could lie as fast as a horse could trot. That in a very insecure source of divine inspiration.

I hold in my hand a letter which I think I will reproduce in full here. The letter is quite typical of hundreds I receive. This lady happens to be a member of the Roman Catholic church and is pretty well saturated with Roman Catholic dogmas. She, of course, is quite positive that she is right in her philosophy and her church is right, while I am absolutely wrong. What this good lady doesn't know is that I am going to blow out of existence, not only her Roman Catholic denomination, but every denomination founded upon the story of Jesus Christ and what we call the Christian Bible.

This lady, of course, says she has

an infallible church. Well, this church is composed of individuals only and I would hate to go on record as considering myself infallible. The lady finishes up her letter by stating that she will be praying for me, and if her prayers are effective, I suppose that in the near future, I shall stop this movement and join the Catholic church. Possibly before long, I will be a member of the oblate fathers and then before much longer might witness the pouring forth of blood from stone as in the case of the bleeding heart. I think that if the Catholics had a man like me with a better story than that one. However, here is the letter and it is quite apropos here, for it fits in with my line of thought perfectly.

March 14, 1934.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

You are a rather intelligent looking man—you say you founded your religion a few years ago. —Christ? yes, you seem to know of Him—but you, in your brilliance have overlooked the fact that Christ Himself founded THE religion 2,000 years ago. To any sincere, thinking person such a fact would be a strong one, he would feel obliged to investigate and study this one religion which has endured—ever the same—through centuries of struggles.

The Catholic Church teaches the same Gospel of Peace that Jesus Christ taught on the Mount; the same doctrine the St. Peter preached at Antioch and Rome; St. Augustine in Hippo; St. Regimus in France—this same doctrine is ever preached in the Catholic Churches throughout the globe, from January till December—"Jesus Christ yesterday, and today, and the same forever."

Catholics are the only people in the world today that have a definite certainty about religion or philosophy. (Protestantism thinks, surmises and disagrees).

I'm a Roman Catholic and proud of it—it is a wonderful privilege—we receive the Blessed Sacrament and know it makes us part of the mystical body of Christ—we know that His strength is our strength and His purity our pur-

ity. We have the sense of belonging to Christ's own *infallible* church.

Did you ever read—with an open inquiring mind — "Rebuilding a Lost Faith" by and American Agnostic, John L. Stoddard? Read it.

Please send me no more of your "literature."

Yours truly,

Marie Voss

P. S. I'll be praying for you, sir.

If the readers of this Magazine throughout the world will forget entirely the untrue statement that the present-day church is divinely inspired and if they will keep quiet enough to listen to the still, small voice of God, as this great Spirit exists, they will have no time for immaculate conceptions, for blessed sacraments, for resurrections and all the rest of that stuff. It just simply doesn't fit in with things as they exist today. It just simply contains nothing for a thinking, reasoning, evolving man or woman. It may have been all right a thousand years ago, but it is no good today.

At the ninety-seventh convention of the Episcopal diocese of Chicago, held at St. Paul's church, the Reverend Dr. Herbert Prince of Lake Forest declared a few weeks ago that the clergymen are "losing their faith". Dr. Prince declared that the discouragement clergymen face in these times have "wrought loss of faith, courage and energy." The church itself, he said, has been the butt of skepticism and disillusion and it is freely claimed that the church has failed at a critical juncture. I think Dr. Prince is perfectly right and I do not see how it could be any other way. You can trust the general public to find out whether you are teaching them Truth or not and the church should know by this time that its message is universally not wanted. Perhaps I should say that its teaching is not wanted, for as a social organization, there is nothing wrong with the church. It is a wonderful thing to get together and sing beautiful hymns and to hold little bun fights and social events and all the rest of it, but I am not talking about that here. I am talking about Spiritual

Truth and the Power of God and you cannot find that through bun fights, social performances or the singing of hymns alone. If God could be found first, then what a power for good these churches with their millions of members would be. As it is, however, they exist only as social organizations and they have no Spiritual Truth or power of any kind. If they had, 67 per cent of their preachers would not be denying the very fundamentals of the story which brought the organization into existence.

There is a church organization in Moscow, which regularly, every few weeks, pulls in some high-powered salesman, who considers himself an evangelist and they have a regular old rip-snorting revival time. They have been doing this for years, but what are the material results or the spiritual results of these performances. That membership certainly hasn't doubled and I do not know of anyone in Moscow who has gone through any unusual religious experience. I do not find them coming to me with evidence of their spirituality and outside of a little self-edification and self-hypnotism, I fail to see anything enlightening spiritually or godly in the whole performance. Yet they do it and think that they are what they call, Holy Ghost Christians. Well, if these good Christians knew the origin of the story of the Holy Ghost, I do not think they would be quite as proud of that name as they evidently are, for of all the weird, fanciful and fabulous stories appertaining to the Gods and other spiritual entities of the olden times, whose capricious adventures we find so profusely narrated in oriental mythology—of all the strange, mythical and mystical feats, and ever-varying and ever-diverging changes in the shape, appearance, sex, and modes of manifestation which characterize the hobgoblins or ghostly beings which comprise the esoteric stock of the ancient mysteries, that appertaining to the third member of "the hypostatic union," the Holy Ghost, seems to stand pre-eminent, and like the more ancient pagan versions of the same story, is marked by

the same wild, discordant and legendary characteristics which abound in all the accounts of gods and ghosts found recorded in the religious books of various nations.

What this Holy Ghost really is, is very hard to understand. In John xiv. 26, the Holy Ghost is spoken of as being a person. In Luke iii. 22, the Holy Ghost changes into a dove. In Matthew xiii. 16, the Holy Ghost is a spirit. In John i. 32, the Holy Ghost is an inanimate, senseless object. In John v. 7, the Holy Ghost becomes God, the third member of the Trinity. In Acts ii. 1, the Holy Ghost is averred to be "a mighty, rushing wind." In Acts x. 38, we infer that the Holy Ghost is an ointment. In John xx. 22, the Holy Ghost is the breath, as we legitimately infer by its being breathed into the mouth of the recipient after the ancient oriental custom. In Acts ii. 3, we learn the Holy Ghost "sat upon each of them" probably in the form of a bird, as at Jesus' baptism. In Acts ii. 1, the Holy Ghost appears as "cloven tongues of fire." In Luke ii. 26, it is the author of a revelation or inspiration. In Acts viii. 17, it is a magnetic aura imparted by the "laying on of hands." In Mark i. 8, the Holy Ghost is a medium or element of baptism. In Acts xxviii. 25, the Holy Ghost appears with vocal organs, and speaks. In Hebrews vi. 4, it is dealt out or imparted by measure. In Luke iii. 22, the Holy Ghost appears with a tangible body. In Luke i. 5, and many other texts, we are taught people are filled with the Holy Ghost. In Matt. xi. 15, the Holy Ghost falls upon the people as a ponderable substance. In Luke iv. 1, the Holy Ghost is a God within a God—"Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost." In Acts xxi. 11, the Holy Ghost is a being of the masculine or feminine gender—"Thus saith the Holy Ghost, etc." In John i. 32, the Holy Ghost is of the neuter gender—"It abode in him." In Matthew i. 18, the Holy Ghost becomes a vicarious agent in the procreation of another God; that is, this third member of the Trinity aids the first member (the Father) in the creation of generation of the second member of the

triad of bachelor Gods—the Word, or Savior, or Son of God.

Such are the ever-shifting scenes presented in the Scripture panorama of the Holy Ghost. Surpassing the fabulous changes of some of the more ancient demigods, the Christian Holy Ghost undergoes (as is shown by the above-quoted texts) a perpetual metastasis or metamorphosis—being variously presented on different occasions as a personal or rational being, a dove, a spirit, an inanimate object, a God, the wind or a wind, an ointment, the breath or a breath, cloven tongue of fire, a bird, or some other flying recumbent animal, a revelator or divine messenger, a medium or element for baptism, an intelligent, speaking being, a lifeless, bodiless, sexless being, a measurable fluid substance, a God dwelling within a God, and, finally—though really first in order—the author or agent of the incarnation of the second God of the Trinity (Jesus Christ). That many of these fabulous conceptions were drawn from mythological sources is very easily proven.

Yet these good fanatics of Moscow in this individual church look upon me as a sort of freak. I know nothing whatsoever of God or religion, but I am an infidel, atheist and all the rest of it, while they are secure in their blind belief that they are followers of the Holy Ghost, lull themselves to sleep while the vessel on which they travel is in danger of being dashed to pieces upon the shoals of the angry sea of relentless criticism and historical truth.

I might mention other churches whose pastors have not had their salaries paid for several months and whose credit is not worth a whoop anywhere in the city.

When the true recognition of the power of God is known and when men and women universally accept that new revelation, you will not find hundreds and thousands of church buildings plastered up to the ears with mortgages. You will not find preachers with their salaries not paid. You will not find Holy Ghost "revivals" being indulged in every few weeks, with the high powered salesman taking out of the city

more money in one month than perhaps the preachers drew down in a year. There will be no need for that sort of thing for men and women will recognize how foreign it is to the real truth of the great Spirit of God as this spirit exists today.

"Well, but our hope is in immortality", says the poor old church. "We admit that we haven't much to give today. We admit that there is very little proof of the Truth of our story here, but there is another life after this one and your poor soul is immortal and will live on through the ages, and that is where we shine."

Now the argument of immortality is a very soothing sop to the cause of these religious organizers and professors, especially in the absence of definite proof as to the truth of their story, but I am afraid we shall have to rap this immortality bugaboo on the head as far as church is concerned. If the church today knows nothing of the power of the Spirit of God and if it stands as helpless and as homeless as it is in the present world crisis, then I am afraid we must take, with a pinch of salt any claims it makes as to what it can accomplish for you and me in the future. If there is no proof of the divinity or the supernatural origin of the church today, then certainly there is no proof of the immortality it preaches either.

In New York City a couple of months ago, clergymen were shocked by an address given by Dr. Howard Lee McBain, dean of the graduate faculties of Columbia University, on the "unprovenness" of immortality. Dr. McBain delivered the address at the University's annual service in St. Paul's chapel in memory of members who have died in the last year.

Dr. McBain rejected the belief in immortality as unacceptable to the mind of the common man. Summarizing the traditional "authorities"—dogmas of the Christian churches and speculations of ancient philosophers—he concluded that the fact of an after-life was wholly unproved.

"I speak as a common man," Dr. McBain said. "And I think that for the

common man much that has been written may be dismissed as irrelevant to his interests and his spiritual necessities."

According to Dr. McBain, the only concept of immortality in which the common man is interested is the survival of his soul. Bodily immortality he held as small comfort in the light of knowledge that after death the physical body disintegrated into its component elements.

The thoughtful man knows, he went on, that "despite the persistence of his physical appearance and his personality during his earthly life, these elements of matter have been constantly changing. He cannot believe that they are likely to reassemble at any future time. The doctrine of the resurrection of the natural body may command our emotions because all that we know of ourselves is so closely connected with the bodies we carry, or should I say, that carry us. But such a doctrine cannot command the intellect."

Dr. McBain probably gave the ministers something to think about, but, of course, they will go back to their little parishes and take up another collection and tell their congregation that Dr. McBain is all wrong, something like the good Catholic lady, whose letter I reproduced. "They would not believe even though an angel came from heaven and tried to convince them that they were wrong."

I am anxiously awaiting the day when some religious denomination or other calls a halt to its present practices and philosophies, for just as surely as you are reading this, the time will come when the church will have to call a halt, take stock of its doctrines, analyze its foundations and when that happens, if it is honest, it will discard 95 percent of them, then instead of looking to pagan superstition for salvation, they will look to the Spirit of God, which Spirit they know nothing about now. The only Spirit of God they know anything about now is the Holy Ghost and this article shows what a nonsensical, fanatical, nonexistent being the church Holy Ghost is.

These Magazine articles of mine shock many preachers. They do not seem to understand that I might possibly know what I am talking about. It is inconceivable to them that the whole church structure might be wrong and one little Spiritual pioneer in Moscow be right. That is exactly the way world religious movements start, they do not have their inception in the minds of those who believe, they invariably start in the mind of the doubter.

I must draw this article to a close, although I would like to write all day on this subject, but time and space forbid.

I received a criticism the other day after my address in the Masonic Temple in Spokane from quite a religious leader. This man said I had nothing emotional in my teaching. Well, I don't want anything emotional in it if by "emotional" he means religious fanaticism and emotion as evidenced in present-day church revivals. I want none of that sort of stuff, for the Law of the Realm of the Spirit of God is not emotion. There is a difference between emotionalism and peace and the Realm of God brings always an Infinite Peace.

Some old hymn writer once said, "Joy is like restless day, but peace divine like quiet night." That writer knew the peace of the Spirit of God.

I would not have my critics think that I have no constructive ideas, for I am full of them. There are things which never will die. The present-day, heathenish, pagan church philosophy is bound to die. It will fall by the weight of its own error, but the pure, the bright, the beautiful that stirred the hearts in youth will never die. These impulses we have to know more of the Realm of God, the yearning cry of the spirit, the striving after better hopes, these things will never die. The little timid hand, stretched forth to aid the brother or sister in need will never die. That soft, kind word spoken in the other's hour of grief, that plea of mercy, softly breathed and the sorrow of a contrite heart, these things will never die. The memory of a clasping hand, the

pressure of a kiss and all the trifles sweet and frail, that make up life's first bliss; if with a firm, unchanging faith and holy trust and high the sorrow of a contrite heart, these things shall never die. Let nothing pass, for every hand can find some work to do. Lose not a chance to awaken love. Be firm and just and true, so shall a light that cannot fade, beam on you from on high and God's own voice shall say to you, these things shall never die.

I send to every reader of this magazine today and every one of my students throughout the world, thoughts

of Peace. As the billows of an angry sea of Life threaten to overwhelm you, be still. If sickness has placed its grim hand upon you, be still and through the Power of the great Realm of the Spirit of God, command it to depart. If material needs surround you, keep still, remembering that the great God whose you are and whom you should serve, holds in the hollow of his hand the solution to your problems, then if your hand is placed in his hand, do you not see how close the remedy lies. These things can never die.



Bleeding Hearts

The following article appeared in several newspapers as a United Press Dispatch on April 7. Why newspapers should publish such stories as this is a little beyond my comprehension. It certainly is not news and it certainly is not true. If the story were published as a joke, well and good.

STATUE OF CHRIST BLEEDS WHILE GIRL KNEELS IN PRAYER

By United Press

Santa Cruz, Cal., April 7—The story of how a statue of Christ crucified, enshrined in the sanctuary of St. Joseph's church at Asti, Italy, bled while an orphan girl, Maria Tartaglino, knelt before it in worship, was related for the first time here today by the Oblate Fathers of St. Joseph whose mother-house is at Asti.

Details and pictures of the miracle were revealed after an ecclesiastical diocesan tribunal investigated the manifestation and became convinced, that trickery was not involved. The oblate fathers said the pictures were taken by Rev. Fr. Maurizio Barozzo, canon of the diocese of Asti, as blood actually flowed from the statue's heart wound.

Rev. Fr. Sylvio Masante, O. S. J., Oblate superior of California, said the miracle was first manifest on Friday, Aug. 11, 1933, as the devout orphan knelt before the crucifix in the hospital of Santa Chiara.

"The crucifix came to life and the heart wound began to bleed," Father Masante said.

"Father Borozzo was called. In the presence of five witnesses he photographed the statue. He says in his official report, 'I saw a drop of blood come out of the wound and stop a little way beneath the wound. Then the wound filled with blood and yet it did not overflow.'"

An ecclesiastical tribunal be and inquisition and the miracle was declared authentic.

Now, there are several things I would like to call the attention of my students to and the first of them is the fact that when any system of religion finds it necessary to manufacture stories like the above in order to hold the attention of their poor dupes, and when it becomes necessary to conjure up "miracles" for the same purpose, then the religious organization doing that certainly is pretty close to internal decay.

You will notice that this supposed miracle (which never happened) is supposed to have happened in a Roman Catholic church in Italy. The story was released by the Oblate Fathers of St. Joseph, whose mother house is in Asti. I can't understand what oblate fathers are doing with a mother house, in view of the fact that it is presumed to be a Sin for a Catholic priest to marry. It may be, but you will notice that it is quite necessary for a woman to be used at the birth of every priest on the face of the earth. Someone had to commit a sin in order to give birth to an agent of God.

Now, these priests took pictures, they say, but you notice that it was a Catholic priest in charge of the diocese who took the pictures. It was another priest in California who made public this statement. "The crucifix came to life and the Heart wound began to bleed," said this California oblate father. Then you will notice that an ecclesiastical tribunal (all Catholic, of course) began an inquisition or investigation and pronounced this infamous story a miracle. (The word inquisition reminds one of the Spanish and French inquisitions).

Now there are millions of ignorant, superstitious people under the dominance of the religious priests, who actually and literally believe that story. You could not tell the American Society for Psychological Research that it ever happened. Neither could you make the American Association for the Advancement of Science believe the story for stone does not bleed, regardless of the

testimony of all the priests in the Universe.

The Bible somewhere says something about God being true though every man be a liar and I want to add my comment to that statement by stating that the laws of nature are immutable and no stone or any other inanimate thing has ever bled yet.

This bleeding heart superstition goes away, away back. There is nothing new in the story, whatsoever, and periodically, the Catholic church presents a heart of some kind or other, which begins to bleed at the psychological moment. This bleeding heart proposition is only one of hundreds of pagan superstitions, invented by superstitions leaders to cow their followers into submission and to "help" them believe in the supernatural origin of whatever particular religious philosophy they may be expounding. This little heart, which began to bleed will be put on exhibition and hundreds of thousands of poor dupes will go and worship it, incidentally dropping into the collection box a coin or two as they do so. It is rather strange that there is always a collection box of some kind or other hard by the scenes of these wonderful miracles which violate every law, every immutable law, of nature. By the way, you may safely believe me when I state that the laws of nature are the laws of nature's God and when I say law, I mean law, not chance or inspiration or miracle or anything on that order.

If we believe the stories which are told, we will find that there is in existence enough hair from the head of the Virgin Mary to stuff a davenport. There is enough milk from the breast of this same virgin to feed a herd of calves. Even the petticoat she wore is exhibited to those who care to go and see it, while on a piece of rock is to be found the imprint of the little bottom of the Lord Jesus, where he rested one day.

All these things, however, originated in an age of heathen and pagan superstition and you know and I know that there is no truth in any of these stories.

The essence of Christianity lies in a miracle and if it can be shown that a miracle is either impossible or incredible all further inquiry into the details of its history is quite superfluous. If we were to accept the miracle of this bleeding heart, we would have to reject demonstrable scientific truth. This world is not governed by chance. It is not governed by special providence nor by the whims of any religious organization, regardless of what priests and preachers say. Science has definitely and conclusively established the truth. **THE LAWS OF NATURE ARE IMMUTABLE.** If these laws could be suspended, even by God, they could not be immutable and if in one single instance, a heart of stone began to bleed, then this entire world is founded on chance and we do not know what moment we may all go up in smoke. We do not know what may happen if any of nature's or God's immutable laws have ever been broken.

In his essay on miracles, Hume's masterly argument against miracles has never been refuted: "A miracle is a violation of the laws of Nature; and as a firm and unalterable experience has established these laws, the proof against a miracle, from the very nature of the fact, is as entire as any argument from experience can possibly be imagined. Why is it more than probable that all men must die; that lead cannot of itself remain suspended in the air; that fire consumes wood, and is extinguished by water; unless it be that these events are found agreeable to the laws of Nature, and there is required a violation of these laws, or, in other words, a miracle, to prevent them? Nothing is esteemed a miracle if it ever happens in the common course of nature. It is no miracle that a man, seemingly in good health, should die suddenly; because such kind of a death, though more unusual than any other, has yet been frequently observed to happen. But it is a miracle that a dead man should come to life; because that has never been observed in any age or country. There must, therefore, be a uniform experience against any miraculous event, otherwise the event would not

merit the appellation. And as a uniform experience amounts to a proof, there is here a direct and full proof, from the nature of the fact, against the existence of any miracle."

It is a well known fact that Christianity and all the rest of the religions came into being in what was preeminently a miracle-working age. Everybody demanded miracles, so the religious organization produced them. For a man to call himself a religious teacher and not be a worker of miracles would be the height of folly. You may take the contemporary history of other great religious teachers with Christ and you will find that their careers are almost identical with his. Take the miracles attending the birth of these and all the rest of the crucified Christs. They all had a miraculous conception which was announced before their birth. They were all very wise, like Christ, and also they led blameless lives. At the time their teaching was presumed to be the best the world had ever known.

Now, if you go to a present day minister or priest and ask him how about some of the miraculous happenings in the lives of all the rest of these miraculously-born saviours, he will reject them all, just as the Christian today rejects the miraculous in Apollonius and the rest of them.

Now, it is for this reason that I reject the miraculous in the story of Christ. If the story of Christ is true, then certainly the story of the other crucified Gods, who were miraculously born and worked similar miracles, must be true also. Why should the religion of the Christian be true and the religion of the Buddhist, of which Christianity is an identical copy, be false? If it is a fact that the carpenter of Galilee, two thousand years ago, startled the universe by coming back from the tomb, why should not the stories of the other resurrected Gods who came back from the tomb thousands of years before Christ, be true also. By what criterion can we say that the religion of today, with its crucified God, is true and the religions of yesterday, with

their crucified Gods, be false That is what I would like to know.

Of course, it is possible to blindly believe any story, especially the Christian story, without making any attempt to find out whether it is true or not, but I think that none of my students take that attitude. Like me, they are only interested in knowing what actually and really is the Truth. If I could be convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt today, that the story of Jesus Christ actually was true, it wouldn't take me five seconds to write in favor of that story instead of writing against it, as I do now. I try to be absolutely honest and sincere in whatever I write. I am not to be swayed by the influence of preachers or priests and they can swear to me on a stack of Bibles a mile high, that miracles happened in their religion to make their story true and still I wouldn't believe it, for I know better.

The Spiritual pioneer must have a glimpse of Spiritual truth before he gets very much of a following. When he gets that faint glimpse of Spiritual Truth and Spiritual Law, he knows full well that all necessary to perfection in everything is a full understanding of the laws of nature, which are the laws of Nature's God. He knows absolutely that there never was a violation of a Law of God or Nature. He knows that if ever there lived such a man as Jesus Christ, he lived as a result of normal, natural intercourse between male and female. He knows that no special dispensation of God hand any hand in creating what we call miracles. The man or woman in tune with the Infinite, knows automatically that the stars did not fall from heaven and he knows that no old "prophet" ever took up a snake by the tail and had it change into a walking stick.

New, here let me say that I am not limiting Spiritual Law by any means, for these old "prophets" may have had a flash from the Spiritual Realm. Furthermore, I will admit that there are no limitations whatsoever, to the great Realm of God, but the trouble with these old religious stories is that

they originated in a land and in an age either Spiritual or physical law.

There is nothing reasonable nor logical in the story that a God came down to the earth to die on the cross in order to bring salvation to the rest of the human race, who we are told, automatically are damned if they do not believe in this particular God. Oh, yes, I know that the Christian church tells us that there is only one God and that is a fact. There is only one God. Where the Christian church makes a mistake, however, is in asking you and me to believe that their God, crucified or uncrucified, is the only true God the world has ever seen. It is a case of NEARER, MY GOD, TO THEE. But along comes another religion far older than Christianity and having far more followers and lo and behold, we find the same identical story and the same hope of salvation held out to its millions of followers, 1,500 years before the time of Christ.

Now, the question I am asking every religious denomination in existence is, "How come?" How can you reasonably say and expect anyone to believe that YOUR GOD is the only true God, when the world had seen allegedly, many other Gods with the same or similar stories, long before your God was ever heard of?

The Christian Church, and I include the Roman Catholic church too, is the most recent of all systems of supernaturally revealed religions. If you read my book, *Crucified Gods Galore*, you will find that to be a fact. Yet it asks us to accept this story with its miracles, with its bleeding hearts, with its resurrections, with its falling stars, with its talking snakes and walking stick snakes and all the rest of its paraphernalia. It expects us to stake our entire present and future hope of eternal life on that sort of stuff, so quite naturally, I take issue with it and I make the statement not in an atheistic way at all, but in an intelligent way, that the entire story is not true. I can produce evidence before any fair-minded court or unbiased jury in the world to prove that the story is not true. These church organizations

practically admit that there is no proof of the story and a recent survey of the pastors discloses the fact that 69 per cent of them doubt that either hell or heaven exists. Well, if they doubt that, they must doubt all the rest of it.

I could have been a wonderful orthodox religious leader had I chosen to blindly swallow the childhood Sunday School story told to me. I will admit to you that for a few years, I was attracted by that story. I took it as it was given to me and tried to believe it. As a matter of fact, I did believe it, but as I became more mature in thought and experience, this childlike faith was displaced by the sweet faith and logic of reason. Instead of finding "salvation" in the story of the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ, I began to find hope and peace and power and prosperity in an entirely different quarter and through an entirely different logic from that the church had offered me. Then as the years rolled by, I took it upon myself to investigate, scientifically and historically, this entire church story. I remembered the Godly men and women in the old Baptist Bible training school in Toronto, which I attended, and I knew these good souls were absolutely in earnest in their teaching, but on questioning them carefully, I found out that their earnestness was based entirely upon their own personal beliefs and not upon anything which could be proven.

The statement often made that we must not try to investigate the religion of Jesus Christ, just accept it, doesn't appeal to me. It is an evidence of weakness and an evidence that the story of Jesus Christ will not stand investigation. Truth always gains by investigation, it never loses and if the story of Jesus Christ cannot stand investigation and I imagine it cannot stand it, then why should we just accept it. By the way, the Baptist denomination gets after me. If I were some of these Baptist preachers, who seem to take such a delight in running me down and hampering this work of mine, and if I believed as wholeheartedly in the story of Jesus Christ as they say they believe it, then I would

come to a man like me with open arms. I would welcome any investigation possible because if the story is true, the investigation will, of course, throw so much more light upon it and it will be twice as valuable as it was before the investigation. But you don't find that happening. The minute an honest, conscientious investigator attempts to honestly and impartially investigate the story of Jesus Christ, then a howl from the priests and preachers goes up. That in itself, to me, is complete admission and confession that the story of Jesus Christ is incapable of proof, incapable of investigation and therefore, not true.

If all the evidence the church has for the divinity of Jesus Christ and for his existence, for that matter, originates in miracles and superstitions, then I want nothing to do with it. Now, let's see whether that is a fact or not.

The church very religiously tells us that Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea. There is a lot of confusion as to just what place he was born, but the church does tell us there was no question about it whatever. Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea. He was born in a manger. Prior to his birth, stars appeared, wonderful stars, guiding wise men to the place where he lay. Marvelous angel voices were heard and angelic forms appeared to these old sheep herders and told them in heavenly voices that in the city of Bethlehem, there was born on that day, a Savior, which was Christ the Lord. Then there was the slaughter of the innocent children, again an event, which had it happened, would have gone down indelibly in letters of blood across the sacred pages of history's scroll. Then the child grew up. He was possessed of supernatural wisdom and intelligence. He argued without any schooling whatsoever, with the college professors and the like (but you don't need much schooling to confound some college professors) and then upon attaining manhood, he startled the world by his miracles. He saw a funeral procession walking along the little village called Nain. He stopped the procession and spoke the dead boy back to life again. Then they

killed him, the crucified him, and after the third day or after the fortieth, we do not know which, he arose from the dead and scores of other dead bodies arose with him. The stars fell from heaven, the earth shook as a God was transported on heavenly wings of power from this mundane sphere of ours to the realm of celestial glory.

That is the story of what happened in Judea, at least that is what the church today would have us believe. Now, let us see whether it did or not. History is much older than two thousand years and living in that land and at that time and writing in detail, some of them, the religious history of that land, were men whose names have gone down in history. They all lived within one hundred years of this time and they all lived in that immediate vicinity, yet not a single one of them ever heard of the miraculous Judean happenings, or if they did hear of them, they very strangely did not leave us any record of them. The only record we have is in the Bible, which is the "sacred book" of the Christian religion.

Just like this bleeding heart proposition I am writing about, the only record we have of that, originates in one denomination. It is witnessed by priests of that denomination and it happens in one of their own churches. Those writing American or Italian history now will make no mention of this wonderful heart of stone which bled a few weeks ago, for they have no confidence in that story that thy will make no historical note of it whatsoever. Perhaps that is the reason that these old historians made no note of the miraculous happenings in Bethlehem and surrounding country. Either that or it did not happen. Certainly, the story is either fact or fable and the evidence, the overwhelming evidence, is that it is not fact and, therefore, must be fable. They tell us that this man, Jesus, an obscure religious teacher, lived in this country of Palestine 1,900 years ago, but we know nothing of him historically. His biography was never written. Several have attempted to write it, but have failed and the reason they have failed is that no material for such a work exists. Con-

temporary writers have not given us one single word about this marvelous man. I think here, I will give you a list of writers who lived and wrote during that time, or within a century after the tide that Christ is said to have lived and performed his wonderful works.

Josephus	Pausanias
Philo-Judæus	Pliny the Younger
Seneca	Tacitus
Pliny the Elder	Quintilian
Suetonius	Lucanus
Juvenal	Epictetus
Martial	Silius Italicus
Persius	Statius
Plutarch	Ptolemy
Justus of Tiberius	Hermogones
Appollonius	Valerius Maximus
Arrian	Valerius Flaccus
Petronius	Florus Lucius
Dion Pruseus	Favorinus
Paterculus	Phædrus
Appian	Damis
Theon of Smyrna	Aulus Gellius
Phlegon	Columella
Pompon Mela	Dio Chrysostom
Quintus Curtius	Lysias
Lucian	Appion of Alexandria

Enough of the writings of the above authors remains to fill a very large library. These writings were written at that time or shortly afterwards and are still in existence, and yet, in this whole mass of Jewish and pagan literature, aside from two forged passages in the works of Josephus, there is not to be found one single word of Jesus Christ. Now, what more evidence do you want than that? Surely if these marvelous things happened, upon which the Christian church is hanging its hope of salvation, some one of these writers would have known about it and surely a little corroborated evidence would lend color to the story, which as it stands today, is nothing more or less than a church-originated story without the slightest corroboration by writers, who at that time, were writing in detail, historical evidence of that very land.

The sacred text book of the Christian religion, the Bible, tells us that with the resurrection of Jesus Christ, scores of dead bodies of saints also arose. Do you mean to tell me that if this ever

happened, historians living at that time or shortly after would have known nothing about it? You let one dead body rise from our local graveyard here and with its rattling bones, or in the new complement of re-animated flesh, walk up and down the streets of Moscow, and see whether history pays any attention to it or not. See whether the American Association for the Advancement of Science doesn't run that story down. Why, it would be the most stupendous happening the world had ever seen and even in this fast-moving age, would stop the entire human race dead in its tracks, yet the church would have us believe that 1900 years ago, scores of these dead bodies, all at once, got up out of the grave, walked around the city of Jerusalem at the resurrection of Christ, and we presume may be still walking around.

So you see in passing, there was not one resurrection, there were many and all of them equally miraculous. As a matter of fact, the story of the resurrection of these scores of dead saints is really more wonderful than that of Jesus Christ—they had been dead longer. Now, what am I trying to say to you? Just simply this That this bleeding heart story, coming to us from Italy, is not true and you know it is not true. Neither is the story of Jesus Christ and his miraculous doings true either, nor is the story of Buddha true, nor is the story of Chrishna true, nor are the miraculous stories of other crucified Gods true either. If any of them is true, then they are all true, and likewise, if one of them is false, then they all are false.

Now, this throws a bombshell right into the heart of the entire Christian structure. I am making the statement to you now, and I wish every Christian in the world could read it, that this story is positively not true. It is unreasonable, illogical and quite improbable.

Last Easter Sunday, I was speaking to a crowded auditorium in the Masonic Temple in Spokane, Washington. That was some meeting and judging by the applause of that hungry crowd, I imagine the entire world at large seemed to be waiting for some new gospel, which

is true. "A NEW DEAL IN RELIGION." That is what the world wants today. After this famous meeting in Spokane I received many, many letters, both from the radio audience and those in the audience. The substance of these letters was that my audience was very much interested with my sincerity, logic and power. These sentiments were expressed in these letters. Many of the letters stated in effect that I was placing a bombshell right under this Christian structure, so far as it deals with miracles and supernatural events of any kind. I am happy to do just that. When 69 per cent of the preachers voluntarily go on record as doubting the

existence of heaven and hell, that means that two-thirds of them at least do not believe the story themselves. Now, why should I be expected to believe it and why should you be expected to believe it. By what right do so-called religious organizations preach and teach a philosophy which two-thirds of them do not believe. Why, I say, should these institutions secure their property tax free, thereby depriving the United States out of perhaps millions and millions of dollars of tax money annually.

You probably all saw the Associated Press dispatch which I am reproducing here.

FROM FAR-AWAY ENGLAND

Notts, England,
May 9, 1934.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am much obliged for your treatise on "Psychiana," which is interesting to a startling degree. (May I add that only an American mind could, in my opinion, have written so forcefully and with such personal ardour on so vital a subject.)

I would certainly like to take up a Course of Studies with you, a little later in the year, and in the meantime, have assigned your article to a few of my friends, for their perusal. I shall let you know their views when I write again, which will probably be in August.

E. J. H.

Survey of Pastors Finds Sixty-Nine Per Cent Doubt Hell Exists

Judgment day? Protestant ministers are no longer so certain of its coming. Many now deny the existence of heaven and hell, as actual places, and the devil's evil presence has become a matter of doubt. Comparatively few clergymen now insist upon a completely blue Sunday.

These and many other modifications in primitive religious beliefs were seen yesterday in the replies of more than 500 ministers of the Chicago Church Federation to a questionnaire sent out by Northwest University's school of education.

48 Per Cent for Judgment Day.

The questionnaire's purpose was to determine what the ministers want boys and girls) of junior high school age to believe.

Only 48 per cent of those who answered would teach that judgment day is coming and 39 per cent that it is not.

Sixty-nine per cent would deny hell as a real place and 31 per cent question the existence of heaven as a place, while 2 per cent would teach a real hell with fire and burning, and 59 per cent a real localized heaven for the saved.

Immortality 92 Per Cent

As a future of life, 92 per cent said they would teach that those who die go on living.

That divine power sends storms and earthquakes to punish sinners was denied by 72 per cent and affirmed by 17 per cent. Nineteen per cent averred that God keeps a record of one's bad deeds in a book, and 74 per cent disagreed.

The deity of Jesus was subscribed to by 72 per cent, with 26 per cent opposing.

Seventy-one per cent were opposed to the teaching that the Bible was written at God's dictation.

The questionnaire was prepared by W. W. Sloan.

How can this 69 per cent of preachers be honest with themselves and their Bible and with the human race, if they, under the cloak of the cloth and under the protection of some religious organization, preach a doctrine to others which doctrine they have gone on record as stating they do not believe themselves? Is that honesty? Is that justice? Will they help the world Spiritually by those actions?

I wish if it were possible to huddle all the preachers and priests in the United States into one great hall, with absolutely no one else present, other than their own kind. I would like to have a secret, unsigned ballot taken of those preachers and I would like to find out just how many of them, deep down in their hearts, doubt the story they are making a living by preaching. I'll wager that 99 per cent of them would at least admit that they could not prove their story, which puts them in a very undesirable class, as far as I am concerned.

Every once in a while some preacher, almost always a Baptist, rises up and tries to stir up trouble with this movement and myself. At the present time, several of them have banded together and have filed complaints with the Post Office authorities against me. I can tell them all now though, that they will not get to first base with that. This movement is too well known, is conducted too honestly and is doing too much good for any one little parcel of preachers, or for whole denominations, for that matter, to stop.

I think I will compare my philosophy with theirs and for every statement I make in my written works, I will produce scientific evidence and logic regarding its truth or I will not make the statement. I admit that as far as the Spiritual Realm goes, there are positively no limitations. I will further admit that I have seen, during the past five years, manifestations of healing

and other manifestations, which just simply are beyond the bounds of understanding, but do I class these things as miracles? Certainly not, because let me repeat, there are no limitations, whatsoever, to the power of the great Realm of the Spirit of God. Do you think that I would attempt to pick up a rattlesnake by the tail and have it change into a walking stick? I would die of rattlesnake poisoning if I attempted it.

The point I am trying to make is that while there is all power in the unseen Spiritual Realm, that power works absolutely by natural, normal methods and not by the so-called miracle method. When the fullness of the Spiritual Law is known and when men and women begin to evince only the slightest, faintest flutterings of a babylike faith in an actual, existing power realm of the Spirit of God, then will things begin to happen and then and only then will the sword be beaten into a pruning hook and guns and rifles be beaten into plowshares.

You will never do it, my friends, by asking people to believe in an unreasonable, unnatural, so-called miraculous story, which is entirely beyond the bounds of any man's reason to understand. Of what use is the Realm of God to us, if you have to interpret it by a priest or preacher's story that we do not understand it, we can not understand it, nor do we want to until we die and rise again, perhaps, before we can know Spiritual Truth as it exists. There is no evidence that there is any place prepared for us, in which there are many mansions. There is no evidence, whatsoever, that Jesus Christ is now seated at the right hand of God, making intercession for us with groanings which can not be uttered. There is positively and absolutely no evidence of any Realm beyond the sky, inhabited by angelic beings, whose chief occupation is playing on harps of gold. Gold is material and stones and harps too are material things. There is no vidence of the existence of such a place as that anywhere in the great celestial sphere. Scientists have swept the heavens with their telescopes and are preparing to sweep them some more, but they find

no evidence of the existenc of the judge up there, who some day, when Gabriel's trumpet sounds, shall call us all back to life again and judge us for deeds done in the body.

I want to say to my readers, with all the earnestness I have, that that story is entirely and utterly fable and false as Hell itself is false. Yet, look at the millions of people today who have their names on some church roll or other and who say that they believe the story. It may seem sacriligious to some to state that I deny the entire story of Jesus Christ as the church gives it to us today. I deny it just because my own experience very effectively demonstrated that the story is not true. I deny it once more because I have discovered something of the workings of the great Realm of Spiritual Power and I know that this Realm operates in no such manner as that.

Does the great Creative Intellect behind this Universe need the death of a God to save the rest? What kind of a God would he be, whose wrath or anger could be appeased or satisfied by the death of the just for the unjust? What kind of a doctrine is that anyhow? There is no court in the land which would admit under any circumstance, the justice of the death of one man to save another. If they were to convict me today of murder in the first degree and sentence me to hang, do you think any court in the United States would let you take my place? Yet, that is the asinine, foolish, pagan philosophy taught by all our religious organizations today, and the pity of it all is that this government of ours lets them exist and gives them their property tax free. You want to balance the budget of this country?—Okeh, then make every religious organization in existence pay the same amount of taxes on its property as you and I pay ours. That will balance the budget.

It is too early yet to expect a congressional investigation of the church, but I hope to see the day in my life time (provided the Catholics or Baptists do not put me out of the way first) when such an investigation will be demanded and will be held. I grant to ev-

every man the right to believe anything he wants to believe. He can believe that the moon is made of green cheese if he wants to believe it, as far as I am concerned, but I do suggest that it might be a good plan if religious beliefs were analyzed and placed on scientific basis, and if they could not stand up on that basis, then I think they should be put out of existence.

What kind of a traitor to my country, my fellow citizens, the church itself would I be if, knowing the facts as I know them, I did not make public these facts? The preacher will say that he is trying to advance his own philosophy at the expense of ours. All right, let the preachers and priests band together and let them collect all the evidence they can collect in proof of the story of Jesus Christ. I, in turn, will submit my evidence to any twelve fair-minded, unbiased men, and if I do not prove beyond any shadow of doubt that the entire Bible story is fiction and not fact, then I will close this movement down and go back to the drug business again.

We are living in an age that is moving very rapidly. We are living in an age where Truth had better be recognized. I care not whether it means the disintegration of every religious organization in the world or not. If their story is not true, we are better off without it.

"Oh, but if it were not for the church, the world would go to hell in short order," I hear some preacher or priest say. Well, in answer to that, let me say that no philosophy of life or religion founded in untruth or falsity can ever advance one true thought or one single scrap of true philosophy to anyone.

"By their fruits ye shall know them." No man builds a house upon the sand. If he is wise, he digs a foundation and upon that foundation, he builds his structure and the reason the church is a miserable failure today is that the foundation of the faith it teaches will not stand up. It is not solid. It is built upon sands and unless it changes itself completely, there will be nothing but doom and disaster ahead of it.

The church calls me an atheist and an infidel. That is because the church doesn't like my philosophy of life and the reason they do not like it is that it is founded on the Truths of God, while their philosophy is founded in the truths of the devil, if there be such an animal as that.

Did the heart bleed over in Italy? Were photographs taken of blood pouring out of the heart of a crucifix, think you? I leave that with you.

Now, just one closing word. A preacher wrote me a couple of days ago and criticized me for taking away God from thousands of people. How little that boy knows. Instead of taking away God from thousands of people, I am taking away only the superstitious religion of the past and in its place, I am substituting the real religion of the Living God as that religion exists today and as it has ever existed. True, it upsets the Bible and true, it is diametrically opposed to the preaching of the church, but as I have told you, the church structure is pagan superstition and nothing but that.

Now you ask me what is the answer then to this problem of life? Are we animals? Are we born as a result of natural law and do we live our few years and then pass into oblivion? To date, yes, but when the full knowledge of the Spiritual power of God is known—No. I believe in control of life and that means control of death to be entirely possible now and would be possible if you and I were big enough to manifest just one tiny little bit of real faith in the eternal laws of an eternal life Spirit. Call it God or whatever you want to, the answer to the problem of Life lies in Life itself. How can an old pagan superstition, thousands of years old help us to solve this mystery? It cannot, but what can help us solve it is a quiet, simple, childlike belief in the present existence of the power of the Realm of God, which gave us life in the first place.

It is awfully hard for me to put Spiritual Truths into writing. I do not know just how to do it. Perhaps if I illustrate here a little, it may help you some. The

other day I was taking an examination for a large Life Insurance Policy, in addition to those I already have. Dr. Rotchford, a very prominent physician of Spokane, Washington, was the examining physician. After the examination was over, we began talking about the realities of life. I asked the good doctor this question. "What effect would it have on the human race if all thoughts of death could be instantly and completely obliterated? Suppose that you and I never heard of death and thought that we lived forever. What difference would that have on the span of human life?"

What do you think Dr. Rotchford answered me, and I admire this man for saying it.

He said, "Well, I would imagine that people would begin to live about twice as long immediately."

Now, please get this, my readers, for in that statement the entire solution to the riddle of life lies. Somewhere away back yonder in the past, the death idea originated. Through countless millions of years, men and women have lived with absolute surety that death was at the end of the picture. They knew nothing else. Everybody had died and

consequently, everybody must die. Now I am not going to say to you that there is any magic formula for living forever or anything like that, but I am going to say to you that if the death idea could be completely and entirely eliminated, that before a thousand years had gone by, men and women would probably be living a great deal longer than they are now, and that is simply because they would be manifesting real faith in the great Spirit of Life itself.

You cannot manifest faith in God and expect illness and poverty and death to manifest and just as long as the human race lives under the dominance of priests and preachers, with Lord's suppers and bleeding hearts, then just so long will the present order of things continue to exist. But when we throw off this priestly yoke and when we say, "I am free" and when we step out to conquer, in and through the Power of the great Spiritual God-Realm, when we begin to do that, we have placed our foot on the first rung of the ladder which leads to Spiritual Peace, Spiritual Power, Spiritual and material prosperity, and in the end, eternal life.

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